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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2/1, and 4/1 are allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 2/8, 2/9, and 2/10 have been objected to and indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 4/8, 4/9, 4/10, and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Akihisa (JP 2000-187916).

Claims 4, 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 1 alone. Accordingly, these claims are believed to contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 7 depends from claim 9 and is therefore believed to be allowable as well.

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from claim 1 and claim 8, namely, from claim 1: the pressing means comprising a roller supported by either of the chassis case and the disk tray, and provided with a roller surface contacting the other of the chassis case and the disk tray; and from claim 8: a disk support means disposed in the disk tray, the disk support means rotatably supporting the recording medium. Accordingly, claim 10 is believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and indication thereof are respectfully requested. The Examiner is

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encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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